

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 4 has been cancelled. Thus, claim 3 is now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

On page 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that claim 3 is allowed. Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of this application, the rejected claim 4 has been cancelled, leaving only the allowed claim 3.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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